



**PRESS RELEASE**  
*Office of the United States Attorney  
Middle District of Florida*

**PAUL I. PEREZ**  
**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**

400 North Tampa Street  
Suite 3200  
Tampa, Florida 33602  
813/274-6000  
813/274-6300 (Fax)

300 North Hogan Street  
Suite 700  
Jacksonville, Florida 32201  
904/301-6300  
904/301-6310 (Fax)

80 North Hughey Avenue,  
Room 201  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
407/648-7500  
407/648-7643 (Fax)

2110 First Street,  
Suite 3-137  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901  
239/461-2200  
239/461-2219 (fax)

**Contact: Steve Cole ♦ Public Affairs Specialist ♦ 813/274-6352**

**For Immediate Release**

October 30, 2003

**NOVEMBER 2003 ELECTIONS**

United States Attorney Paul I. Perez announced today that Robert Mosakowski, an Assistant United States Attorney in the Middle District of Florida, will lead the efforts of his Office in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming November 4, 2003 general elections. AUSA Mosakowski has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer for the Middle District of Florida, and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the District's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters.

On October 1<sup>st</sup> of last year, Attorney General Ashcroft established a Department-wide Voting Access and Integrity Initiative. The goals of this Initiative are to increase the Department's ability to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls and to prosecute these offenses whenever they occur. The Department's long-standing Election Day Program is intended to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department where the public can report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day.

In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or violating abuses on November 4, 2003, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, Mr. Perez stated that Assistant United States Attorney/DEO Mosakowski will be on duty in this District while the polls are open. They can be reached by the public at the following telephone number: 813/274-6129.

Mr. Perez said, "There are numerous local elections throughout Florida this November and it is essential that we ensure voting rights are protected. Anyone who has information suggesting voting fraud or voting rights violations should immediately contact my office. We will promptly investigate and aggressively prosecute those who corrupt the voting process."